

<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>			
<b>RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number: <b>01662/53002</b>	
Application Number <b>09/887,204</b>	Filing Date <b>June 22, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>FUBARA, Blessing M.</b>	Art Unit <b>4131</b>
Invention Title <b>RAPIDLY EXPANDING COMPOSITION FOR GASTRIC RETENTION AND CONTROLLED RELEASE OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS, AND DOSAGE FORMS INCLUDING THE COMPOSITION</b>		Inventors <b>FLASHNER-BARAK et al.</b>	

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Sir:

- Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2008 for the above-identified application.
- Applicants hereby request a **one-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of November 17, 2008, which set a three-month period for response. The one-month extended period for response expires on March 17, 2009. Please charge the **\$130.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**.

3. No additional claims fee is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
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  - E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
  - F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.

Respectfully submitted,

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